

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB) Advisory Board appointment

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 167.035

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education approve the recommendation for the appointment to the Kentucky School for the Blind Advisory Board?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 167.035 directs the Kentucky Board of Education to appoint KSB Advisory Board members upon the recommendation of the chief state school officer. At the present time one (1) of the five (5) positions is vacant due to the resignation of a statewide teacher of the blind and visually impaired.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale:

Kentucky Department of Education staff recommend appointment of Jan Moseley to the KSB Advisory Board. Jan recently retired from the Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS) where she was a Program Specialist for students who are visually impaired, traumatic brain injured, and physically disabled. She was employed by JCPS for more than 27 years and during her tenure played a vital part in supporting statewide programs that train teachers of the visually impaired such as KDE Teacher Academies, revitalization of the University of Louisville's Vision and Orientation and Mobility (O&M) program, and the Kentucky School for the Blind's Gateways Professional Development for Statewide Visually Impaired Teachers. She was a founding member of the Visually Impaired Preschool Services (VIPS) Board of Directors and served on the Board of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic in Louisville.

Although the statute does not require that an educator fill the position, it is recommended that an individual who is knowledgeable in the field of education of the blind and visually impaired fill the position. Such an appointment would be consistent with past practices. Appointment of an individual familiar with the needs and services of students with visual impairments would add to the perspective available to advise KSB. The other four members of the board represent parents, educators, KSB alumni, and administrators.

Groups Consulted:

KSB Advisory Board Members
KSB Alumni Association
National Federation of the Blind of Kentucky
Kentucky Chapter, American Council of the Blind
Kentucky Chapter, Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
KSB Parent, Student and Staff Organization
KSB School Based Decision Making Council
Visually Impaired Preschool Services
American Printing House for the Blind
Kentucky Office for the Blind

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